#### STATE OF IOWA

#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

## **UTILITIES BOARD**

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IES UTILITIES INC. and INTERSTATE POWER COMPANY

DOCKET NOS. WRU-01-1-151 WRU-01-2-150 TF-01-45 TF-01-46 (EEP-95-1, ECR-96-3, EEP-94-40, ECR-96-1)

# ORDER GRANTING WAIVERS AND DOCKETING TARIFFS

(Issued February 15, 2001)

On January 23, 2001, IES Utilities Inc. (IES) and Interstate Power Company (Interstate) each filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a request for waiver of 199 IAC 35.12(2). This rule requires a utility to file an automatic adjustment of its energy efficiency cost recovery factors by March 1 of each year for the 12-month period beginning at the start of the first billing month at least 30 days after the Board's approval of the filing. Consistent with its prior filings, IES requested a June 27, 2001, filing date and an August 1, 2001, effective date.

Interstate also for the first time requested a June 27, 2001, filing date and an effective date of August 3, 2001, the beginning of its August billing period. Interstate said the change would allow Alliant Energy, the parent of IES and Interstate, to jointly file the IES and Interstate cost recovery factors. Interstate said consolidating the

filings would improve filing efficiencies, although separate cost recovery factors will be maintained for IES and Interstate. No objections to the waiver requests were filed.

The Board will grant the waivers. Granting the waiver for IES will maintain consistency with its prior adjustments. Granting the waiver for Interstate will allow consolidated filings for both Alliant Energy utilities, reducing the time required for preparing and reviewing the filings.

Interstate also filed proposed tariff revisions, identified as TF-01-45 and TF-01-46, to its electric and gas energy efficiency cost recovery factors. Rule 199 IAC 35.12 allows utilities to recover previously-approved energy efficiency costs, deferred energy efficiency expenditures, and estimated contemporaneous energy efficiency expenditures through an annual adjustment. The proposed tariffs eliminate cost recovery factors originally placed in effect May 27, 1997, in Docket No. ECR-96-1. The recovery period is four years and ends May 26, 2001. Interstate requests that the proposed tariffs be effective on June 1, 2001.

The Board is reviewing the proposed tariffs and will docket them for investigation. However, a procedural schedule will not be set and the Board does not anticipate a procedural schedule will be necessary. The Board will issue an order regarding the proposed tariffs when its review is complete.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The requests for waiver filed by IES Utilities Inc. and Interstate Power
 Company on June 23, 2001, are granted.

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2. Tariff filings TF-01-45 and TF-01-46 are docketed for investigation and suspended.

	UTILITIES BOARD
	/s/ Allan T. Thoms
ATTEST:	/s/ Susan J. Frye
/s/ Judi K. Cooper Acting Executive Secretary	/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2001.